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**DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.131**

Sir:

We, Alexander Tuzhilin and Ravinarayan Arunkundram, declare as follows:

1. We are co-inventors of the above-identified application and at least independent claims 89, 136 and 154 of the above-identified application, as provided in the accompanying Amendment being filed together with this declaration.
2. The exemplary embodiments of the invention as recited at least in independent claims 89, 136 and 154, as provided in the accompanying Amendment being filed together with this declaration, were conceived by us earlier than November 12, 1997.
3. A detailed written description disclosure of such exemplary embodiments which include every recitation provided at least in such independent claims 89, 136 and 154 (as

provided in the accompanying Amendment being filed together with this declaration) is included in the “WebWatch: A Method for Monitoring Changes on the Web” document we prepared having a date that is earlier than November 12, 1997, a redacted copy of which is attached herewith.

4. We worked diligently to reduced the invention (that includes every element recited at least in independent claims 89, 136 and 154, respectively, as provided in the accompanying Amendment being filed together with this declaration) to practice starting from before November 12, 1997 at least until the filing date of the present application, i.e., January 26, 1998. Such diligence included, but not limited to, multiple discussions with the patent attorney preparing the present application, reviewing and modifying the drafts provided by the patent attorney, further reviewing and approving the last draft of the application for filing with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 26, 1998. We believe that during such period of diligence, no unexplained or unreasonable delays have occurred.
5. The information that described the exemplary embodiments as recited at least in independent claims 89, 136 and 154, as provided in the accompanying Amendment being filed together with this declaration, was provided to New York University, Office of Industrial Liaison for consideration earlier than November 12, 1997.

6. We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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